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SUBJECT: PRE-CAMP DAVID CONSULTATIONS

1. ATHERTON SPOKE TO DINITZ AFTERNOON OF AUGUST 24
ALONG FOLLOWING LINES. THE SECRETARY RECALLED THAT IN ONE
OF THEIR RECENT CONVERSATIONS DINITZ HAD OFFERED TO BE
HELPFUL IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE AS OUR PLANNING FOR CAMP
DAVID SUMMIT PROCEEDS. THE SECRETARY HAD THEREFORE ASKED
THAT WE PUT THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS TO THE ISRAELIS ON
A PURELY INFORMAL BASIS; WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INDICA-
TIONS OF ISRAELI THINKING IN THIS REGARD WHICH WE WOULD
TREAT AS EQUALLY INFORMAL:

--WHAT ISSUES AND INTERESTS ARE OF MOST IMPORTANCE TO
ISRAEL IN CONNECTION WITH THE SUBJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED

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AT CAMP DAVID?

--WHAT ISSUES AND INTERESTS DOES ISRAEL BELIEVE ARE MOST
IMPORTANT TO EGYPT WITH RESPECT TO THE CAMP DAVID TALKS?

--WHAT WOULD ISRAEL LIKE TO SEE COME OUT OF THE CAMP
DAVID MEETINGS?

2. ATHERTON AGAIN EMPHASIZED THE INFORMAL NATURE OF THIS

QUERY, SAYING THAT ANY INDICATIONS ISRAEL MIGHT BE ABLE TO GIVE US IN RESPONSE WOULD BE CONSIDERED AS STRICTLY A "NON-PAPER" BUT WOULD HELP US AS WE DEVELOP OUR OWN THINKING IN PREPARATION FOR CAMP DAVID. DINITZ SAID HE UNDERSTOOD AND WOULD CONVEY THESE QUERIES IN THIS SPIRIT. HE HOPED THAT WE WOULD ALSO SHARE OUR THINKING WITH ISRAEL AS IT DEVELOPED BEFORE THE SUMMIT CONVENED. CHRISTOPHER

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